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GETTING RESULTS.

WE NOTE with interest, like some further observations on the New Mexico libel law by Attorney general Frank W. Clancy. Mr. Clancy is determined to inject himself into the discussion of this remarkable statute. In his first statement he asserted us that the law is benevolent and should have the unanimous support of the newspapers of the state for the reason that it stands between them and the common law of libel, under which instead of merely being driven out of business and cast into jail the editors and news paper owners might be beaten and quartered, or burned at the stake.

In his second statement the attorney general further assures us that in addition to the freedom of speech and liberty to tell the truth granted us by the libel law, we are further guaranteed in our rights by certain provisions of the constitution of the state with reference to freedom of speech. The attorney general will have his little joke. Perhaps this is not the only joke he has found in the constitution of this state. It is true that the constitution of New Mexico does permit considerable liberty in the way of speaking, writing and publishing the truth. This excellent provision of our constitution, however, is so drawn that it in no way conflicts or interferes with the operation of the existing law known as "the libel law," and which should be termed "the law for the suppression of the truth when political enemies make its suppression desirable." The attorney general of New Mexico, being not only a mighty good attorney general but also a mighty good lawyer, must be aware that the plausibly liberty given the press in the constitution does not in any way interfere with the operation of the "libel law." Under this law as it stands, and under the procedure and persecution which it permits, it is possible absolutely to rule any newspaper financially before the truth can be proven; or if not to ruin it at least to subject it to hardships which very few newspapers of this state can stand, especially the smaller weekly newspapers of the smaller towns and villages. There may be one or two newspapers in the state, backed by plotters, non-existent bank rolls which can stand up under the financial strain which this law makes it possible to impose, but their number is so limited as not to be important in the general operation of the law; and we note that even these one or two exceptions are forced to a caution which at times might become preposterous with public questions in which individuals are involved.

We have the highest regard for the legal ability of the attorney general of New Mexico and his further defense of the outrage known as the New Mexico libel law simple serves to convince us that he has not given the matter the exhaustive attention which he occasionally gives to legal questions.

We venture to call attention to a brief statement in an adjoining column by Judge H. A. Hodges of Albuquerque, who is a member of the territorial senate defeated a law similar in purpose to the existing one which was revised after Mr. Hodges was called to other fields of endeavor.

This little chapter of local history reveals so clearly the purpose of the existing statute a purpose which it is accomplishing right along, that it is very interesting right at this time.

In the meantime the purpose of the Evening Herald in inaugurating its campaign against the libel law seems regard the candidacy of Joseph Benson Foster for the Republican nomination for the United States senate.

It is interesting to note the extreme favor with which this Democratic campaign has been in part accomplished and accomplished thoroughly.

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The ball is rolling. It will go right on rolling until the legislature meets when the action necessary for fairness and justice will be taken.

In the meantime, to the smaller

newspapers of the state, it is important that you know that the candidates for the legislature from your districts are alive to the importance of the action desired. This discussion of the libel law outrage will go right along in the press of the state until the legislative meets, which was the object this newspaper desired to attain.

THE WILD WOMEN.

"Hush ye, hush ye, little pet
Hugh ye, hush ye, dinna fret
The wild women wanna get ye."

That will probably be the modern form of the old ballad in England and Scotland. The subsection of "the wild women" for "the black Douglas" would be entirely proper.

The wild women seem to have turned their attention from architecture to art, slaying innocent masterpieces in their mad determination to maintain a writhing disorder.

The systematic persistence with which these creatures indulge their tantrums indicates that they enjoy the pleasure of it far more than they do the purpose of it. As every now and then develops a hoodlum element which masks its love of violence under the general upheaval, so the English women's movement seems to have developed the female hoodlum, who satisfies her appetite for destruction under cover of "the cause."

The movement is historic—no doubt of that. The future historian will not be able to dismiss it casually. And it may yet be that as certain old pieces of art gained enhanced historical value by reason of having been ripped from their frames by connoisseurs or pierced by Napoleonic bullets, so in the year 1950 we—or those who come after us—may hear of the famous masterpiece of Bellini, "the one that was smashed by the wild women of 1914," having added value because of its historical association with the sex uprising. Who knows? Stranger things have happened.

AN ADVERTISING STAFF.

BERNALILLO county has long needed a complete showing of its products in preserved form, and the plan of Manager Binkert of the state fair and Secretary Eggen of the Commercial club to make such a collection this season should be encouraged. Now is the time to begin. If notice is given to the farmers, gardeners and fruit growers of the valley that their choicest specimens are desired for preserving, the response will prove astonishing. This is to be an especially popular field in fruits especially and this is the one best year to start this collection.

Once such a collection has been made we will be so proud of our showing that we will keep it up from year to year and we will find a way to bring it to the attention of the traveling public.

It is a beginning of community publicity, and as such deserves to be carefully nourished. The publicity germ has had a hard time getting started in this county, but it is a vigorous organism, and with a little more nursing and careful tending we predict it will yet gain its way to a vigorous and useful life.

GOOD POLICY.

IN PROVIDING funds for the expense incurred by County School Superintendent Montoya in attending the convention of the National Educational Association in St. Paul, this board of county commissioners is following mighty good policy. The small sum so invested will bring good returns. Superintendent Montoya has shown himself to be an insatiable absorbent of educational ideas. He comes out with the qualities ability to mix the good ideas from the doubtful and bad, and to put them to practical use. Many of his own original ideas have gone into making a better school system in this county and he has adopted many of the best of other men's ideas. Mr. Montoya's work is proving highly valuable to this community and anything which tends to strengthen his hands to broaden his ideas, and to aid him in his efforts for better and more efficient school work is for the good of the whole community.

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The time I've lost in suing, fighting and bewailing
The farce it stays
In law's delay
Has been my life's undoing.
Though friends and neighbors sought me,
I scorned the time they taught me.
I took my torts
To torpid courts.
And peers all they've brought me
Ellis G. Jones.

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Second Fiddle.

EL PASO TIMES brands as a crusader in Chihuahua paper that Teesside bought the Times' 16,000,000, of course, for \$10,000. Teesside hasn't got \$10,000.

STATE Corporation commission has been notified railroad will reduce rates on bottled goods from Chris to Yankton. The city petition has stated its claim to Chris.

NEW HAVEN is a him haven for the widow and orphan investor.

AND THEY'VE been bothering themselves about that most eligible piece of personal property in Ohio. No wonder he's been annoyed.

ALSO every so often some graduate after delivering the oration does a right out and conquer the same of life.

IT ISN'T the first time Joe Fea has caused an epidemic of old feet. Once in St. Louis numerous prominent citizens south a tropical disease to

IT is Professor Elson of Wisconsin says the Egyptians were famous for baseball, the minnows may be the boys who died on bases.

THE VATERLAND, according to last reports, got out of New York harbor without sinking the statue of liberty.

PIRATES are working in the sponge fleet of the Florida coast. The pirates and the sponge are first cousins.

RESOLVED, CONSUL Gilligan says he will edit the story of his hardships and dangers at Satillo. Mr. Gilligan has about forty thousand copies of yellow journalism to pursue and correct.

A GASOLINE CAN has been invented which cannot be exploded. It is an empty can.

NEW YORK CITY uses up 215,000 pounds of chicken daily. Which is some some even at an average weight of 14 pounds.

THERE ARE 160 dramas and 21 musicals based on the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Joan's early buck is still with her. She isn't here to see them.

AMERICAN demand for pearls is above the supply. Likewise the demand of friend wife.

THE UNITED STATES MAIL carries annually 200,000 letters and 10 million packages.

CHAMBERING DEBTS are recovered in France, Italy, Venezuela, Germany, and sometimes in the United States when the buyer has the dough.

PETER THE GREAT bathed the sight of water. In this his disposal resembles that of Peter the Great and Peter the Pickle.

AN 1885 the railroads keep awake in the stations in which passengers may register their complaints. This convenience for the relief of overcharged fares is much appreciated by the traveling public. In this country we kiss the porter.

BILLARDS, it appears, had false motives. Melton had anxious enemies. Morgan had automatic arms and the stockholders had bad bonds.

THE FLOW of conversation at Niagara Falls unfortunately is not available for power purposes.

JUST BECAUSE a regular court has declared September Month proper is no excuse for starting a fashion.

THE REPORT that an Albuquerque fisherman on pulling in a trout from the Pecos found it frozen to the ice, is not confirmed.

ONE reason being that the Albuquerque fisherman didn't pull in trout.

THE SUCCESS of the American golf champion in leading in three successful tournaments in Europe suggests they are not as successful as certain distinguished amateur champions in leading in the United States.

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Great Trials of History

TRIAL OF CAPTAIN HENRY WIRZ

ONE of the most exciting trials brought about by the civil war was Captain Henry Wirz, who was the keeper of the Confederate prison at Andersonville, Ga. It is difficult to find an impartial view on the subject, owing to the violent opinions of those in opposition to the great strife. When the rebellion was over and the northern arms had won, Wirz was tried, convicted and executed.

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and you and I pay in taxes; and between you and I, Deve, if it wasn't for Bill McDonald in the governor's chair at old Santa Fe, you and I would be paying quite a few more dollars in taxes than we are now paying.—Clayton News.

A Jubilee Year.

The most jubilous year that this country has ever passed through is now opening. Sheep men report more than 100 per cent increase in lamb.